IN THE CLAIMS

Please **CANCEL** claims 74 and 101, without prejudice or disclaimer. The following is a complete listing of the claims including status.

1-74.   (Cancelled)

75.   (Previously presented) A method for acquiring information, comprising the step of:

receiving notification information from a successive computer in response to an attempt to access electronic data having computer executable instructions, the successive computer having previously received the electronic data from another successive computer, a successive computer being a computer that receives the electronic content from a computer other than an original recipient computer;

wherein the notification information is collected by executing the computer executable instructions when triggered by an event at the successive computer and the notification information is received at a network address other than a network address transmitting the electronic data to the original recipient computer.

76.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 75, further comprising the step of:

tracking the one or more successive computers that receive the electronic data based on the receipt of the notification information from the one or more successive computers.

77.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 75, further comprising the step of matching an identifier in the notification information with an identifier in a table to compute a charge.

78.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 77, wherein the charge is a usage charge.

79.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 77, wherein the identifier is at least any one of a user identifier that created the electronic data, an address receiving the notification information, an identifier of the electronic content, and an address specified when the electronic data was created.

80.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the electronic data comprises at least any one of an envelope and one or more files.

81.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 75, wherein a portion of the electronic data includes electronic content other than the computer executable instructions.

82.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 81, wherein the computer executable instructions deny access to the electronic content until the collected notification information has been transmitted to the network address other than the network address transmitting the electronic data.

83.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 82, wherein the executable instructions selectively deny access to a part of the electronic content.

84.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 81, wherein the electronic content includes at least any one of a text file, a graphics file, an audio file, a video file, an instruction file, and a program file.

85.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the event is at least one of:

      (i)   an attempt by a user to access the electronic data;

      (ii)   an attempt by a user to save the electronic data;

      (iii)   an attempt by a user to delete the electronic data; or

      (iv)   an attempt by a user to list the electronic data.

86.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the notification information includes user information collected by querying a user for personal information.

87.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the notification information at least in part includes one of market data and demographic data.

88.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 75, further comprising prompting for user identification at the one or more successive computers.

89.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 88, further comprising granting access to at least a portion of the electronic data based on the user identification.

90.   (Previously presented) A method for assessing fees or controlling information, comprising the steps of:

receiving electronic data having at least in part computer executable instructions from a sending computer;

transmitting the received electronic data and executable instructions to one or more successive computers; and

wherein the computer executable instructions are executed at the one or more successive computers and upon transmission of an authorized user identifier to a network address other than a network address of the sending computer, access is granted to at least a portion of the electronic data.

91.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, further comprising the step of updating information based on the authorized user identifier.

92.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 91, wherein the step for updating information includes updating a usage charge.

93.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, further comprising the step of obtaining user information when the computer executable instructions are executed.

94.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 93, wherein the user information includes at least any one of a personal information, a market information, and a demographic information.

95.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 93, further comprising the step of computing a charge when the user information is received at a network address other than a network address of the sending computer.

96.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 95, wherein the user information includes at least any one of a personal information, a market information, and a demographic information.

97.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, further comprising denying access to at least part of the electronic data until user information is received at the network address other than the network address of the sending computer.

98.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, wherein the electronic data is received from a server.

99.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, further comprising encrypting at least a part of the electronic data.

100.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, further comprising the step of receiving an access granting message at the one or more successive computers.

101.   (Cancelled)

102.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, wherein the granting access to at least a portion of the electronic data is also based in part on the result of a transmission of notification information.